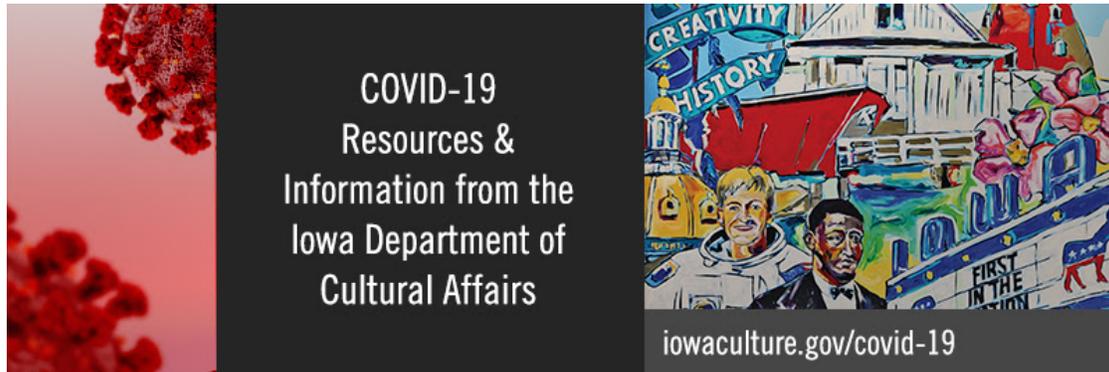


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Colleagues,

We shared some great news this week: The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs awarded [\\$1.1 million in CARES Act grants](#) to [173 arts, history and culture nonprofits](#) in 50 Iowa counties to help them rebound from the coronavirus pandemic. That won't fix everything, but it's a big start.

Funding for the grants resulted from the department's vital partnerships with the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, Arts Midwest and *unanimous* support from Iowa's congressional delegation. Please help us thank them for standing up for the arts and humanities even – and especially – during these challenging times.

As you know, last month we convened the Iowa Arts & Culture Reopening Task Force to gather questions and insights from more than 100 cultural leaders from across the state. Several resources have emerged from those discussions:

- **Summer Youth Camps, Classes & Workshops:** We hosted a webinar this week with experts from the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Human Services about making summer programs safer or shifting them online. [Watch the recording.](#)
- **Arts Facilities:** The University of Iowa's Hancher Auditorium and College of Public Health co-hosted a webinar to help arts facilities reopen safely, whenever they are ready. [Watch the recording.](#)
- **Film Festivals:** Our office of film and media production, Produce Iowa, convened a virtual meeting with film festival directors from across the state to discuss online options as well as safe ways to host festivals in theaters again, whenever that day comes.
- **Sample Reopening Plans:** Several Iowa museums have shared their reopening plans as a reference for others, including the [Des Moines Art Center](#) and the [National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library](#) in Cedar Rapids.

Paycheck Protection Program: Congress passed a bill this week to provide more flexibility for PPP loan forgiveness. Americans for the Arts has provided a clear and concise [summary](#).

Other Resources: We'll keep posting [more information](#) on our website as it becomes available.

Thank you for all you're doing to help Iowa thrive. As always, please [let our staff know how we can help](#).

Take care,

Chris Kramer
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